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PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventor(s): Karamanolis et al.

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Application No.: 10/698,264

Examiner: Golden, James R.

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Title: Method of Determining Data Placement for Distributed Storage System that Includes Instantiating Data Placement Heuristic (Amended title)

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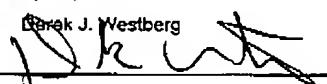
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INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	6	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
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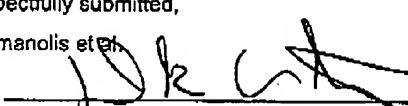
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Filed: Oct. 30, 2003	)	Art Unit: 2187
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Entitled: Method of Determining	)	Confirmation No. 2956
Data Placement for	)	
Distributed Storage	)	<b>RESPONSE TO OFFICE</b>
System that Includes	)	<b>ACTION MAILED ON</b>
Instantiating Data	)	
Placement Heuristic	)	Jan. 4, 2006
(Amended title)	)	
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Dear Sir/Madame:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed on Jan. 4, 2006: